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FOR AMB ATHERTON FROM LEWIS

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SUBJ: ATHERTON'S SCHEDULE IN ISRAEL

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- 1. HAVE NOW DISCUSSED AT LENGTH YOUR SCHEDULE HERE WITH DAYAN WHO HAS COORDINATED ARRANGEMENTS WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. YOU WILL HAVE LOTS OF TIME ON YOUR HANDS, AND I THINK YOU MIGHT WANT TO RECONSIDER MY DINNER INVITATION FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING. CAN ASSURE YOU THE GROUP WE ARE HAVING WOULD BE BOTH LIVELY AND HIGHLY INSTRUCTIVE.
- 2. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE RPT ONE OFFICIAL MEETING HERE. THAT WILL BE AT 5:30 PM THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 27, WITH BEGIN, DAYAN, EVRON, DINITZ, ROSENNE, AND POSSIBLY SOMEONE ELSE FROM PM'S OFFICE. I HAD SUGGESTED AN INITIAL MEETING WITH DAYAN THURSDAY MORNING, BUT HE HHAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT DESIRABLE. ALL OF CABINET IS APPARENTLY GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN TOGETHER MOST OF THE DAY ON THURSDAY, WHICH IS REASON WHY MEETING HAS TO BE SO LATE IN AFTERNOON. CONFIDENTIAL

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DAYAN HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE AND RACHEL, YOU AND BETTY, AND SALLIE AND I HAVE PRIVATE LUNCH TOGETHER IN TEL AVIV AT 12:30 PM ON FRIDAY. THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO A SECOND MEETING IN INTIMATE SETTING WHICH IS EVIDENTLY ONLY WAY DAYAN WANTS TO MEET SEPARATELY FROM GENERAL MEETING WITH BEGIN. I HAVE ACCEPTED FOR BOTH OF US. YOU PRESUMABLY SHOULD PLAN ON GOING STRAIGHT FROM LUNCH TO AIRPLANE.

YOU COULD HAVE YOUR PRESS BACKGROUNDER ON FRIDAY MORNING AT 10:30 BEFORE COMING DOWN FOR LUNCH.

3. IF YOU WANT TO RECONSIDER WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN ALERT THE COOK.

4. MIRA AVRECH OF YEDIOT HAS AGAIN ASKED ME TO TRY TO ARRANGE AN OFF-THE-RECORD LUNCH WITH YOU (AND ME) WHICH SHE PURSUED UNSUCCESSFULLY ON YOUR PREVIOUS STOPS. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DO THAT ON THURSDAY? LEWIS

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